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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the following paragraph as follows.

[0004] A vehicle is generally provided with a seat belt system for restraining a passenger in a passenger seat. The seat belt system typically comprises a three-point seat belt and a retractor, provided at a lower portion of a center pillar, for storing an unused length of the seat belt. The seat belt extends upwardly from the retractor along the center pillar and then extends downward after changing its extending direction at a belt anchor attached to the center pillar. As exemplarily shown in FIG. 1, the seat belt 1 is fixed at its distal end to one side of ~~the~~ a seat cushion 3 through a seat belt connector assembly 2 and a fastening belt 5, and is provided at its intermediate portion with a tongue plate 1b, which is adapted to be coupled to a belt buckle 4 fixed to another side of the seat cushion 3.

Please amend the following paragraph as follows.

[0005] When using the seat belt, a seated passenger pulls the seat belt 1 to extend diagonally and downwardly in front of the torso of the passenger, and couples the tongue plate 1b to the belt buckle 4. Thus, the torso and hip of the seated passenger are restrained by a shoulder belt portion 1c and a lap belt portion 1a of the seat belt 1, respectively.